

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF WISCONSIN,

RELATIVE TO

Grants of public lands to actual settlers, and to the passage of "the homestead bill."

APRIL 2, 1860.—Read, ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to grants of public lands to actual settlers, and to passage of "the homestead bill."

Whereas, it is no longer the settled policy of the national government to dispose of the public lands with the sole object of deriving a revenue therefrom; and, whereas, a sound national policy, not less than a wise and generous philanthropy, indicates that the main object to be attained in the disposal of those lands should be a speedy settlement by a free and industrious population: Therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the best interests of the whole country would be promoted by the passage of an act by the general government substantially throwing open the public lands in limited quantities to actual settlers free of cost.

Resolved, That as a measure of practical legislation, designed to secure the greatest of all material objects in a free State, "homes for all," we highly approve of the bill of Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, just passed by the House of Representatives at Washington, commonly known as the homestead bill; and we hereby declare the wish of the people of Wisconsin, to be almost if not entirely, unanimous that the said bill should become the law of the land.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the President of the United States, and to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

WILLIAM P. LYON,

Speaker of the Assembly,

BUTLER G. NOBLE,

Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, March 28, 1860.

ALEXANDER W. RANDALL.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, *Secretary's Office*, ss:

The secretary of state of the State of Wisconsin hereby certifies that the foregoing joint resolutions have been compared with the original enrolled instrument on file in this office, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof and of the whole of such original.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
[SEAL.] great seal of the State, at the capitol in Madison, this twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1860.

EDWARD ILSLEY,
Assistant Secretary of State.

LEGISLATURE OF WISCONSIN

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Office of the Secretary of State, Madison, Wis.

March 29, 1860.

Just Received from the Secretary of State, Madison, Wis.

Whereas it is no longer the policy of the national government to dispose of the public lands with the view of deriving a revenue therefrom, and whereas it seems national policy that a free and general homestead law should be enacted for the purpose of settling the public lands in small parcels for actual settlers; Therefore

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the people of the State of Wisconsin, that the public lands of the State of Wisconsin be granted to actual settlers in small parcels for the purpose of settling the public lands in small parcels for actual settlers.

Resolved, That as a means of settling the public lands in small parcels for actual settlers, a law should be enacted for the purpose of settling the public lands in small parcels for actual settlers, and that the Secretary of State be and he is authorized to execute the same.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is authorized to execute the same.

WILLIAM P. LYON

Secretary of State

BETTER G. NOBLE

Assistant Secretary of State

Approved, March 29, 1860.

ALEXANDER W. HANNAH